

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A differential drive with a rotatably arranged differential carrier in which a multi-plate coupling is arranged so as to be effective between the differential carrier and a sideshaft gear, the differential carrier comprising a dish-shaped carrier part in which there are received sideshaft gears and differential gears, and a dish-shaped cover which receives the plates of the multi-plate coupling, wherein the dish-shaped carrier part and the dish-shaped cover extend away from each other.

2. (Previously presented) A differential according to claim 1, wherein, in the sense of rotation, outer plates of the multi-plate coupling are form-fittingly held in the cover and, in the sense of rotation, inner plates of the multi-plate coupling are form-fittingly held on a hub connected to one of the sideshaft gears.

3. (Previously presented) A differential according to claim 1 comprising a sleeve arranged on an outside of the cover which axially supports an actuator for the multi-plate coupling.

4. (Previously presented) A differential according to claim 3, wherein the actuator is radially supported on the sleeve.

5. (Previously presented) A differential according to claim 1, wherein the cover, on its circumference, comprises apertures.

6. (Previously presented) A differential according to claim 5, wherein the cover comprises blades which are associated with the apertures and which have a centripetal effect on a surrounding medium.

7. (Previously presented) A differential according to claim 1, wherein the cover comprises axial bores in which there are positioned axially movable journals for transmitting an axial movement from the actuator to the multi-plate coupling.

8. – 17. (Canceled)

18. (Currently Amended) A differential drive with a rotatably arranged differential carrier in which a multi-plate coupling is arranged so as to be effective between the differential carrier and a sideshaft gear, the differential carrier comprising:

a dish-shaped carrier part in which there are received ~~[[;]]~~ sideshaft gears and differential gears, and arranged in the carrier; and a dish-shaped cover which receives the plates of the multi-plate coupling, wherein the carrier part and the cover each comprise a base portion, a casing portion and a connecting portion for inter-connecting the carrier part with the cover, wherein the carrier part and the cover are connected such that the base portions are arranged on opposite sides with regard to said connecting portions ~~comprising a plurality of longitudinal inner grooves for form-fittingly engaging outer plates of the multi-plate coupling, the inner plates of the multi-plate coupling being engaged by a hub connected to one of the sideshaft gears; a sleeve for axially and radially supporting an actuator for the multi-plate coupling; a plurality of apertures arranged about the circumference of the cover; and blades each associated with one of the apertures for centripetally conveying a fluid.~~

19. (Previously presented) A differential according to claim 18, wherein the cover comprises axial bores in which there are positioned axially movable journals for transmitting an axial movement from the actuator to the multi-plate coupling.